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C O N F I D E N T I A L PORT MORESBY 1319

EO 11652: GDS  
TAGS: UNGA GQ PP  
SUBJ: PNG VOTE ON GUAM RESOLUTION

REF: PORT MORESBY 1316 AND PREVIOUS

1. CHARGE IN DISCUSSION WITH FIRST ASST SEC (POLITICAL)  
BEN SABUMEI AT DFAT REVIEWED FULLY ISSUE OF PNG VOTE. AS OF  
MEETING PNG HAD NOT CHANGED INSTRUCTIONS TO MATANE WHO WILL  
PRESUMABLY VOTE FOR RESOLUTION EMPHASIZING THAT PNG IS NEITHER  
OPPOSED TO U.S. POLICIES OR BASES IN GUAM BUT MERELY  
DESIRES TO BE ON RECORD RE ACCELERATION OF DECOLONIZATION OF  
PACIFIC. MATANE HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS ISSUE WITH  
USUN. PNG IS MOST UNHAPPY THAT IT IS OUT OF LINE WITH OTHER  
NON-COMMUNIST EA AND PACIFIC STATES; DID NOT REALIZE AT TIME  
DECISION MADE RE VOTE THAT IT WOULD BE REGARDED AS  
ANTI-US OR THAT IT WOULD BE VIEWED AS DETERIORATION OF  
THEIR PREVIOUS VOTE. THEY ABSTAINED LAST YEAR BECAUSE THEY  
THOUGHT TO ABSTAIN WAS A PURELY NEUTRAL STANCE. THEY  
ONLY NOW SEE THAT BEING ABSENT OR ABSTAINING CAN IN FACT BE  
TO THE ADVANTAGE OF ONE SIDE OR ANOTHER DEPENDING ON THE  
WORDING OF A RESOLUTION.

2. SABUMEI GAVE A CLEAR INDICATION THAT HE THOUGHT GUAM  
HAD SAME STATUS AS TRUST TERRITORY WHICH LEAVES US A BIT  
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STUNNED GIVEN THE REPRESENTATIONS WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE

BOTH HERE AND IN WASHINGTON.

3. LASTLY CHARGE ATTEMPTED TO BRING INTO FOCUS HOW PNG VOTE WOULD BE VIEWED IN US DESPITE EXPLANATIONS MADE BY MATANE AT TIME OF VOTE OR PRIOR TO IT.

4. COMMENT: ONLY PROBABLE CONSTRUCTIVE RESULT OF MEETING (OTHER THAN ITS EDUCATIVE VALUE) IS THAT DFAT NOW SEES VALUE IN COORDINATING MUCH MORE CLOSELY WITH USG IN FUTURE REGARDING ISSUES BEFORE INTERNATIONAL FORA AND IS BEGINNING TO COMPREHEND THAT THEIR ACTIONS, IF NOT FULLY THOUGHT OUT, CAN BRING UNINTENDED RESULTS.  
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